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This Week in Wabash



Hello, Wabash,

I hope your week has gotten off to a great start. It was snowing this weekend and temperatures are in the 60's today. What a ride.

Anyway, I'm very excited for you to see the [2021 Best of Wabash County Awards](#) winners in this coming Saturday's paper. When reaching out to the winners these past few weeks I've asked them to keep the fact that they won under their hats, so hopefully it'll be (mostly) a surprise when the special section publishes this weekend. Thank you to everyone who nominated and voted on the winners. And thank you to the people and businesses who were selected for getting back to me.

Even though I want to keep the list of winners basically secret I do want to tell you about one winner: Teizo Fox.



Teizo Fox started working at the 950 Speakeasy in Lagro a few months ago after the establishment opened this summer.

Teizo Fox's customers certainly enjoyed the way he did his job because when nominations for the Plain Dealer's annual Best of Wabash County contest began in late September, his name was quickly added to the list for Greatest Bartender in the Greatest People category.

But on Saturday, Oct. 23 – the same day voting began in the contest – tragedy struck.

Just after midnight, Teizo Fox died in a single-vehicle crash.

Afterward, his widow, Samantha Fox, encouraged friends and family to continue to vote for Teizo Fox in the contest.

By the time voting closed a few weeks later, the community had responded by voting him the winner.

But, of course, to those who knew and loved him, Teizo Fox was much more than the best bartender.

In the course of writing [this story about Teizo Fox](#), I heard from several friends and family members who told why he was so well-loved in the community. I hope you'll take the time to read it, along with the list of the rest of the winners in Saturday's paper. Also, on Wednesday, Nov. 24, the 950 Speakeasy, 950 Washington St., Lagro, will host a fundraiser in memory of Teizo Fox, during which 20 percent of the proceeds for the day and any free-will donations will go to his family.

Well, that's all I have for you this week. I hope you have a great rest of your day.

Best,
Rob



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